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1. On 17 November, the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied to capacity. Mortars were identified in the installation. Half-track vehicle  entered the barracks installation on 16 November.
2. On 17 November, the Flak Kaserne seemed to have still been occupied to a large extend, although troops had left the installation on 30 October. The volume of vehicular traffic also indicated that the installation was heavily occupied.
3. The two houses on Fouque Strasse which had previously quartered officers from the Flak Kaserne and which were vacated on 30 October were reoccupied by officers who moved in from other houses. Trucks  which shipped away the furniture of the families from Fouque Strasse on 3<sup>rd</sup> October were no longer in the barracks installation.
4. On 6 November, the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was still occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Several soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No 203-mm howitzers have recently been observed leaving the installation.
5. On 17 November, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was still occupied to capacity. The 203-mm and 122-mm howitzers were still at the installation; however, they have not left the installation recently. Training activity did not change. Truck occupied by troops with spades and torches and other soldiers were seen leaving the barracks installation. Other troops engaged in athletic exercises in the yard. On 7 November, about 50 officers and 2<sup>nd</sup> EM marched from the installation to the memorial. On 13 November, a shipment of 80 recruits arrived at the installation by truck.

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6. On 13 November, the Pioneer Kaserne was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epauletts with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed.

7. On 13 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 340 to 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts with motor transport insignia and some with artillery insignia. Only little training activity was observed. On 7 and 8 November, 50 to 60 soldiers received basic infantry training. Between 10 and 13 November, individual trucks with troops equipped with carbines and submachine guns and entrenching tools left the barracks installation toward Goerden.

8. On 13 November, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by 400 to 450 red-bordered black epauletts with motor transport and artillery insignia. Between 7 and 10 November, 8 soldiers received basic infantry training. On 10 November, were parked in the barracks yard. After 11 November, 3 or 4 occupied by 20 soldiers, were daily seen leaving the instal

9. On 13 November, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied by 200 to 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epauletts with artillery and motor transport insignia. No training activity was noted. Three caterpillar tractors were identified in front of the barracks. Between 8 and 10 November, three trucks, each occupied with equipment, were daily seen leaving the installation toward Seta. 6 trucks, each carrying about 20 soldiers equipped with targets left the installation daily toward the same direction.

10. Between 9 and 13 November, no entraining or detraining operations were made at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. Nor were shipments seen passing through the station.

11. On 10 November, some of the buildings of the Flak Kaserne were lighted at night. Between 5 and 10 November, no training activity was observed. On 5 November, 25 soldiers engaged in close-order drill and 25 soldiers in athletic exercises. On 10 November, 4 trucks towing 76.2-mm AA guns were parked in front of a garage. At about 11 a.m., the vehicles had apparently left.

12. On 10 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was fully lighted after nightfall. Four AA guns were emplaced in the barracks yard.

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25X1 14. [redacted] the clearing in Forest Section No 9 measured about 150' x 150 meters and was located about 240 meters east of the railroad line running toward north. It was surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence, about 2 meters high. A guardhouse occupied by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was located in the about 10 to 12-meter wide stretch between the two fences. Four light poles, each about 8 meters high, were erected outside the fences on either side at intervals of 50 meters. A shed in the area was provided with a two-leaf wooden door at each front side. The hatches along the sides were closed by iron shutters.4

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The two officers' billets on Fouque Strasse had been vacated at the end of October 1953.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The shipment of AA guns and generators was observed by another source to have been unloaded in Rathenow on 7 November.

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25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. It seems that, after the transfer of the units of the 10th Gas Tank Div and 20th Army AF Arty Brig (US), the occupation of the barracks installations in Brandenburg has not changed. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] construction work was done in Forest Section No 9. It is possible that an ammunition dump for an artillery unit is being established there.

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